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SUBJECT: POLISH PROTEST OVER SECURITY SITUATION IN US

REF: A. WARSAW 316 B. USUN 149 C. STATE 239078 (10/7/75)

1. POLISH DCM WIEJACZ CALLED ON EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS
ON JANUARY 16 TO PROTEST "DETERIORATING" SECURITY
SITUATION IN U.S. HE CITED AS EXAMPLES: THE BOMBING
EARLIER THAT MORNING OF THE POLISH CONSULATE IN NEW YORK,
THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO THE NEW POLISH CONSUL GENERAL
IN CHICAGO, A REPORT THAT "FREE POLAND" PLANNED TO KIDNAP
A POLISH CONSUL, AND THREATENING LETTERS FROM "FREE
POLAND".

2. ANDREWS, WHO HAD EARLIER TELEPHONED POLISH AMBASSADOR
TO EXPRESS REGRETS, REITERATED OUR REGRET OVER LATEST
INCIDENT AND NOTED THAT MATTER IS UNDER ACTIVE INVESTI-

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GATION. HE POINTED THAT OVER PAST TEN YEARS WE HAVE HAD

SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WITH ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAV MISSIONS
AND PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. IN SUCH SITUATIONS, WE
GENERALLY RECOMMEND THAT THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATE IN
QUESTION KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL POLICE. THEY
SHOULD AS A GENERAL PRACTICE TURN TO THE POLICE FIRST

RATHER THAN TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REPORTING INCIDENTS.
OTHERWISE VALUABLE INVESTIGATIVE TIME MAY BE LOST.

3. WIEJACZ SAID THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER INCIDENT THAT
OCCURRED IN CHICAGO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WHICH THEY HAD
NOT REPORTED BECAUSE OF ITS BIZARRE NATURE AND THE
APPARENT LACK OF ANY EVIDENCE OF WRONG-DOING. ONE OF THE
CONSULS HAD BEEN INVITED BY A LOCAL RELIGIOUS GROUP TO
SPEAK ON EDUCATION IN POLAND. HOWEVER, THE BUILDING
BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE. THEREAFTER A LETTER
APPEARED IN THE CHICAGO POLISH PRESS WHICH REFERRED TO
THE FIRE AND WARNED POLISH-AMERICANS AGAINST INVITING
"REGIME REPRESENTATIVES" TO ADDRESS THEIR GROUP.

4. ANDREWS SAID THAT SUCH SERIOUS MATTERS SHOULD BE
REPORTED TO THE POLICE. IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT POLISH
OFFICIALS HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES,
AND THUS HE HOPED THE CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO WOULD
FURTHER DEVELOP HIS CONTACTS WITH THE POLICE. IF
DESIRED, WE WOULD GLADLY PROVIDE HIM WITH THE NAME AND
PHONE NUMBER OF THE FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN THAT AREA.
WIEJACZ SAID THAT CONSULATE OFFICIALS HAD ALREADY
DISCUSSED THE SECURITY SITUATION WITH AN FBI REPRESEN-
TATIVE THERE.

5. WIEJACZ SAID THAT AMB. TRAMPCZYNSKI HAD RECEIVED
ANOTHER THREATENING LETTER FROM "FREE POLAND." ANDREWS
ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY FORWARD THE LETTER TO US FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

6. SUMMING UP, WIEJACZ REQUESTED THE USG TO MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF POLISH OFFICIALS IN THE
U.S. IN THAT REGARD, HE NOTED THAT AFTER THE BOMBING
INCIDENT IN NEW YORK THE POLICE HAD APPARENTLY STEPPED
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UP PROTECTION AROUND THE EMBASSY.

7. FULL DETAILS ABOUT BOMBING INCIDENT ARE CONTAINED
IN REFTEL B. REGARDING "FREE POLAND" LETTERS, POLES
FIRST RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH US IN OCTOBER, AS
REPORTED IN REFTEL C. IN DECEMBER AN EMBASSY OFFICER
LEFT WITH US COPIES OF SEVERAL RECENT LETTERS RECEIVED
FROM "FREE POLAND" BY POLISH OFFICIALS, WHICNYWE FORWARDED

THROUGH SY TO THE FBI. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO DEPARTMENTONTHIS SUBJECT.

8. BELOW FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM FBI ON JANUARY 15 REGARDING AN ALLEGED THREAT BY "FREE POLAND" TO KIDNAP A POLISH OFFICIAL:

QUOTE: ON JANUARY 14, 1976, A HIGHLY SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AN UNKNOWN MALE CONTACTED THE POLISH CONSULATE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THIS UNKNOWN MALE, WHO STATED HE WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, SPOKE WITH CONSUL STANISLAW SZYMANSKI AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD HEARED THAT "IDIOTS" FROM WOLNA POLSKA (WHICH MEANS FREE POLAND) WERE PLANNING TO KIDNAP A POLISH CONSUL. THE UNKNOWN MALE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS KIDNAPING WAS TO OCCUR IN CHICAGO OR ELSEWHERE, BUT THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE THE KIDNAPED OFFICIAL FOR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, PROBABLY FIRST NAME UNKNOWN (FNU) SZABISTER (PHONETIC).

THE WOLNA POLSKA ORGANIZATION RECENTLY CAME INTO BEING IN NEW YORK CITY. THE GROUP HAS IN THE PAST, DONE SUCH THINGS AS DIRECT LETTERS TO THE POLISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN EMIL MORGANIEWICZ (SIC) FROM POLAND. THAT LETTER SUGGESTED A VIGOROUS PROPAGANDA ACTION MIGHT FOLLOW IF MORGANIEWICZ WERE NOT RELEASED. WOLNA POLSKA IS SELF-DESCRIBED AS A "VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF THE MEN OF DEEDS, SUPPORTING ANY ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF POLAND FROM SOVIET OCCUPATION." UNQUOTE

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